ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A personal identification terminal includes a plurality of identification means or a plurality of identification levels that are selectable for use, and 5 means for selecting one of the plural identification means or one of the identification levels in accordance with identification means/level setting information that is received from a server every time when receiving a request for identification from the server. The personal 10 identification terminal sends used means/level information that indicates one of the identification means or one of the identification levels that was used for the real identification back to the server in a format that enables detection of an alteration thereof together with a result 15 of the identification.